

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-15 (renumbered) without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 16-29.

Claims 1-15 (renumbered) (canceled).

Claim 16 (new): A biologically pure culture of fungus selected from the group consisting of *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30593, *Metarhizium anisopliae* NRRL 30594, *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30601, *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30600, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (new): The biologically pure culture of fungus according to claim 16, wherein said fungus is *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30593.

Claim 18 (new): The biologically pure culture of fungus according to claim 16, wherein said fungus is *Metarhizium anisopliae* NRRL 30594.

Claim 19 (new): The biologically pure culture of fungus according to claim 16, wherein said fungus is *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30601.

Claim 20 (new): The biologically pure culture of fungus according to claim 16, wherein said fungus is *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30600.

**Claim 21 (new): A biopesticidal composition for controlling insects, comprising an agriculturally acceptable carrier and an effective insect biopesticidal amount of at least one fungus selected from the group consisting of *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30593, *Metarhizium anisopliae* NRRL 30594, *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30601, *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30600, and mixtures thereof; wherein said insects are selected from the group consisting of pecan weevils, the diaprepes root weevil, fall armyworm, fire ants, and mixtures thereof.**

**Claim 22 (new): The biopesticidal composition for controlling insects according to claim 21, wherein said fungus is *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30593.**

**Claim 23 (new): The biopesticidal composition for controlling insects according to claim 21, wherein said fungus is *Metarhizium anisopliae* NRRL 30594.**

**Claim 24 (new): The biopesticidal composition for controlling insects according to claim 21, wherein said fungus is *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30601.**

**Claim 25 (new): The biopesticidal composition for controlling insects according to claim 21, wherein said fungus is *Beauveria bassiana* NRRL 30600.**

**Claim 26 (new): A method for controlling insects, comprising applying an effective insect biopesticidal amount of the composition according to claim 21 to said insects or to the plants, areas or substrates infested with said insects; wherein said insects are selected from the**

**group consisting of pecan weevils, the diaprepes root weevil, fall armyworm, fire ants, and mixtures thereof.**

**Claim 27 (new): The method according to claim 26, wherein said insects are pecan weevils.**

**Claim 28 (new): The method according to claim 2, wherein said pecan weevils are in the form of adults.**

**Claim 29 (new): The method according to claim 27, wherein said pecan weevils are in the form of larvae.**